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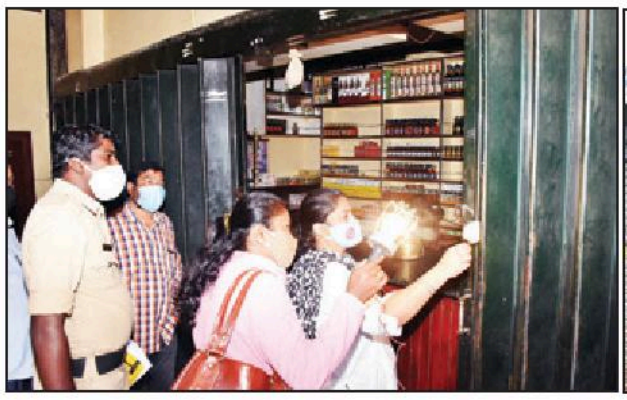
Serial Thefts Rock City

Burglars make away with cash, liquor bottles and cigarette packs



Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RK&BCT)- Our city experienced an unprecedented case of serial theft on a single night yesterday sending shock waves among residents.

Three shops were burgled and an attempt was made on two shops last midnight between 12.30 am and 1.30 am. All the shops are located near Agrahara Circle, barely 100 metres from KR Police Station.

The thieves were so desperate for cash, liquor and also cigarettes that they took away whatever stocks they could. Smartly, they turned CCTV cameras at three places to other directions and certain visuals showed them wearing monkey caps and gloves.

The first theft was reported at Akshaya Bar and Restaurant near Agrahara Circle, a stone's throw away from K.R. Police Station. Usually traffic density is high here with vehicle movements even in the night. Thieves managed to break open the heavy lock that was latched on to the iron shutters. They twisted the shutter to enter inside.

(See THEFTS on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	238
Total positive cases	:	7,923
Discharges yesterday	:	647
Total discharges	:	4,113
Deaths yesterday	:	11
Total deaths	:	251
Total active cases	:	3,559

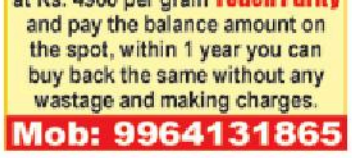
Zoo Road may be ready for traffic in 15 days

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (MTY&KS)- The subway works, connecting the Zoo parking lot to the Zoo entrance gate, which was taken up on Jan. 17, is now going on in full pace and the road in front of Mysuru Zoo (Shalivahana Road), which was blocked for traffic is likely to be opened in the next 15 days.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajith M. Kulkarni, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said that the roofing works of the subway has been completed and curing works have been taken up, which will be completed in 15 days. He further said that after the curing works are completed, the road would be thrown open for traffic. Pointing out that cement plastering and design works inside the subway is to be taken up, the Zoo Executive Director said that an approximate two months is required to complete the works.

It may be recalled that the subway works that began on Jan. 17 was scheduled to be completed by March 2. But the works were delayed by a month by huge boulders and water pipeline while digging the trench for the subway and another three months were wasted following lockdown which hampered the supply of construction materials and non-availability of labourers.

(See ZOO ROAD on page 6)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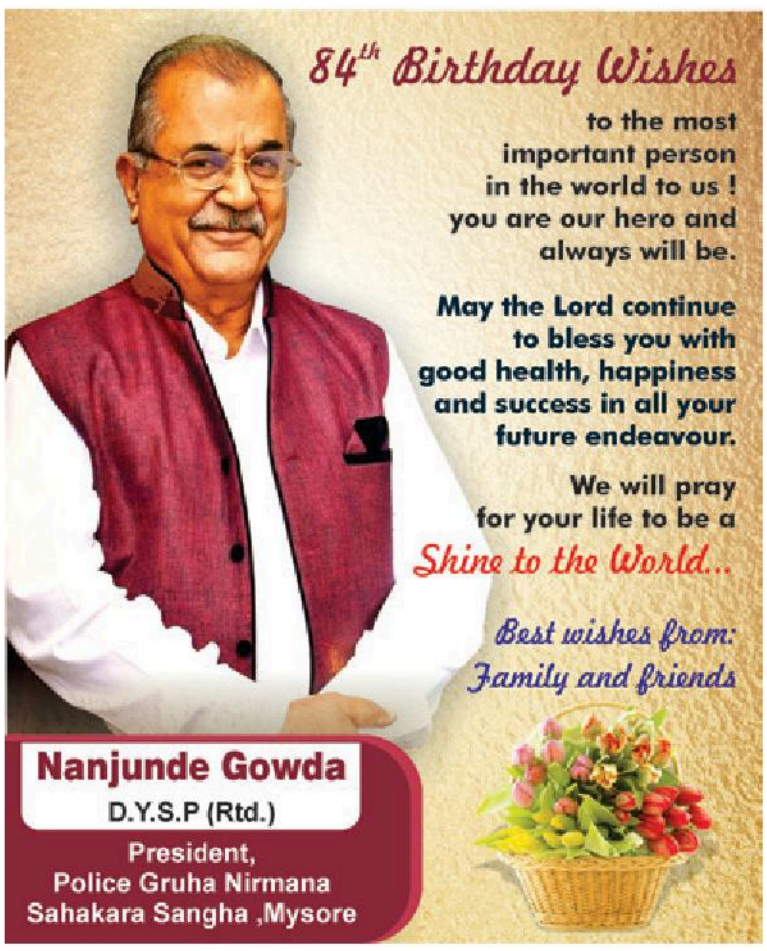
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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 12th August 2020

Queensland University awards Ph.D to Mysuru Researcher

Mysuru, Aug. 12 - Supreetha Paleyanda Ponnappa, a Mysurean, has been awarded Ph.D. degree after completion of research at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia, on Mar. 25.

She has completed the thesis on "Electromerization studies of conjugated monomers and their biosensor applications" which can help in early detection of protein in the body (cancerous malignant cells).

Supreetha Ponnappa

She has also been awarded High Achiever HRD student-2019 from the QUT. An alumnus of SJCE in Mysuru, she passed her M.Tech by securing Gold Medal from Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi.

She got the Doctorate degree in Nano Engineering of Technology under the guidance of Dr. Prashanth Sonar, an Associate Professor of QUT and Dr. Mohammed Siddiqui, a senior lecturer in Griffith University, Australia.

Supreetha is the daughter of Paleyanda Ponnappa, a senior advocate practicing in Mysuru and Bhagyavathi, a retired Government Officer from Irrigation Department, residing in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage. Their son Paleyanda Ponnappa Santhosh is a senior Inspector of Police in Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Little Boy' was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 at 08:15 hours. This was followed three days later by the dropping of 'Fat Man' on Nagasaki, at 11:01 hours. The two nuclear bombs vaporised around 1,50,000 people who were going about their morning business; 1,30,000 others succumbed to burns, radiation sickness, and other ailments that the collapsed health system could not treat. Few, then, understood why their skin erupted wounds that would not heal, hair fell off in clumps, and stomach churned with pain and nausea. Several hibakusha, or survivors of the atomic bombings, have recounted how an ordinary day turned into one where they wished they too had died in that instant flash.

The purpose of recalling these horrors from 75 years ago is to ensure that nuclear armed States do not forget the real nature of nuclear weapons. Human memory is short and often preoccupied with the immediate. Currently, the socio-economic-health emergency posed by COVID-19 and the growing geopolitical tensions between major powers owing to their abrasive behaviour seem to be consuming us all. But nuclear risks are lurking just below the surface, and they are growing. Recalling the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki through events all year round on its 75th anniversary is an opportunity to bring nuclear risks back into popular imagination and into the political agenda. Creative media can help by tapping available modern means of mass communication to create stories with identifiable characters and situations that tug at the heart and instil a larger respect for humanity.

— Manpreet Sethi in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Two-headed Russell's Viper found in Maharashtra

Mumbai: The rare two-headed Russell's Viper snake was rescued from Kalyan's Gandhare Road area on the outskirts of Mumbai, according to reports. It measured 11 cms and each of its twin heads come up to around 2 cms in length.

A Kalyan resident spotted the twin-headed venomous baby snake and contacted the War Rescue Foundation. Two rescuers from the foundation then arrived at the spot and rescued the rare snake.

A video of the snake was shared on Twitter by IFS Officer Susanta Nanda. "Two headed Russell's Viper rescued in Maharashtra. Genetic abnormality and hence low survival rates in the wild," wrote Nanda while sharing the clip.

UK Foreign Office Cat to retire from diplomatic service

London: The resident cat at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in London, dubbed "Lord Palmerston, the Chief Mouser" in reference to its mouse-catching duties, is to retire from diplomatic service, the FCO said.

Lord Palmerston, famed for regular territorial tiffs with neighbouring Downing Street mouse-catcher Larry, will see out his retirement in the English countryside, where he has been spending lockdown already at the home of a member of Foreign Office staff.

"After four happy years, @ Diplomog (Palmerston's Twitter handle) will retire: he's enjoyed lockdown life in the countryside so much, he's accepted an invitation to stay. Everyone at the Foreign Office will miss him (our mice less so). We wish him a long & happy retirement," said Sir Simon McDonald, the Permanent Under-Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service at the FCO in a Twitter statement.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can drinking filtered water lower my cancer risk?

The President's Cancer Panel reports that home-filtering water can lower cancer risk by removing potentially carcinogenic chemicals found in public water supplies. It suggests that filtered tap water is often safer than bottled water. Store water in stainless steel or glass to avoid BPA leaching.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Diploma courses at JSS Polytech for differently-abled students

Mysuru, Aug.12 - JSS Polytechnic for the Differently-abled, Mysuru, has invited applications from differently-abled students for admission (on All India basis) to the following three-year diploma courses for the year 2020-21: Architecture; Commercial Practice; Computer Science and Engineering (Aided Courses); Jewellery Design and Technology; Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Applications for the Visually Impaired (Unaided Courses).

Eligibility: A pass in SSLC or its equivalent examination with minimum 35% marks along with nature and degree of disability — Orthopaedically Disabled, Hearing Impaired, Partial and Total Visual Impaired.

For Jewellery Design and Technology Course, normal students are also eligible for admission under JSS Mahavidyapeetha Scheme.

Financial assistance through National and State Scholarships to eligible students are available along with separate hostel facilities for both boys and girls.

For applications and details, visit: *www.jsspda.org* or contact Ph: 0821 - 2548315, 2548316. The filled in forms should be submitted to the Polytechnic Office before Sept. 12 with copies of necessary documents, according to a press release.

Entries invited for Krishi Award and Krishi Pandit Award

Mysuru, Aug. 12 - The Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture has invited applications for district-level Krishi Award and Krishi Pandit Award from farmers of Mysuru district for the year 2020-21. Rain-dependent ragi crop cultivated in H.D. Kote, Mysuru, Periyapatna and Hunsur taluks and irrigated paddy crop cultivated in KR Nagar, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur taluks are the crops selected for Krishi Award this year. Last date to apply for Kharif crops is Sept. 15 and Nov. 30 for Rabi crops. For Krishi Pandit Award, applications in prescribed format should be submitted to Office of Assistant Director of Agriculture before Sept. 7. For details, contact Office of Assistant Director of Agriculture in respective taluks, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***If a statue of a person in the park on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.***
- ***Monumental Axis in Brazil is the world's widest road. 160 cars can drive side by side at the same time.***
- ***Avocados (Vennai-Pazham) have more protein than any other fruit.***
- ***Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.***
- ***Chewing gum while peeling onions will reduce your tears.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Naughty Kid: *Hello! Do you have a refrigerator?* ***Man:*** *Yes, I have.* ***Kid:*** *Is it running?* ***Man:*** *Yes.* ***Kid:*** *Get hold of it...otherwise it might run away.* ***Man slams down the phone.***

After a few minutes, the phone bell rings. Kid: *Hello! Do you have a refrigerator?* ***Man (angrily):*** *No, I don't have.* ***Kid:*** *Didn't I tell you to hold it?!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.60
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.76

VOICE OF THE READER

Driving tutors violating traffic rules in city

Sir,

A couple of days back near V.V. Mohalla Police Station signal, the driving tutor of a driving school was prompting his student - driver to jump the signal and drive towards left hand side.

Though 'free left' is not permitted here, the tutor may be in a hurry to finish his driving class faster and hence was mis-guiding the student.

If the driving school tutors themselves teach wrong steps while coaching their driving students, we can see lot of indisciplined and traffic rule violators on the road.

Driving school tutors should teach their students about the traffic rules and should ensure that they do not violate any traffic rules for their safety and for the safety of other road-users.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

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e-Pass for Railway employees

Mysuru, Aug. 12- In a move towards implementation of information technology-enabled services, Indian Railways has launched a module on e-Pass under Human Relations Management System (HRMS).

The website and app is designed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS). The Pass module was inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board, through video-conference on Aug.10.

The Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) and other Senior Officers of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, participated in the inauguration. Railway employees can apply and get e-Pass via online mode and book tickets through IRCTC like any other passenger. This facility will benefit 13 lakh employees of Indian Railways.

Presently, passes are being obtained by employees through manual mode and they are unable to book tickets through online mode. From October 2020 onwards all employees can avail passes through online mode only, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR Mysuru.

Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41 Row

MUDA writes to DC for deleting 'B-Kharab' from 'Pahani' document

Mysuru, Aug.12 (PM&DM)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority Commissioner (MUDA) Dr. D.B. Natesh has written to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar seeking to direct the Tahsildar to delete 'B-Kharab' classification marking in Pahani Certificate in respect of the MUDA-allotted sites at Siddarthanagar, J.C. Nagar, K.C. Nagar, Income Tax and Alanahalli Layouts.

This follows a recent letter by the Urban Development Department to MUDA directing it to drop 'B-Kharab' classification of 354.29 ½ acres of land collectively coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41, on which land MUDA and the then CITB formed in the above Layouts.

'Daughter for a lifetime': SC backs women's share in parental property

New Delhi, Aug. 12 (UNI)- The Supreme Court yesterday held that daughters, like sons, have an equal birthright to inherit joint Hindu family property. The Court decided that the amended Hindu Succession Act, which gives daughters equal rights to ancestral property, will have a retrospective effect.

"A daughter always remains a loving daughter. A son is a son until he gets a wife. A daughter is a daughter throughout her life," Justice Arun Mishra, heading a three-judge Bench, authored the judgement.

The judgement agreed with lead arguments made by senior advocate Bishwajit Bhattacharya that the substituted Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 confers the status of 'coparcener' to a daughter born before or after the amendment in the same manner as a son. Coparcener is a person who has a birthright to parental property.

Overrules 2015 decision

Since the right to coparcenary of a daughter is by birth, it is not necessary that the father should be alive as on September 9, 2005. The Court has thus overruled an earlier 2015 decision. The judgement on a batch of appeals against the 2015 verdict came on the issue whether the amendment to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, granting equal rights to daughters to inherit ancestral property would have retrospective effect.

The Court, in its 121-page judgement, said the statutory fiction of partition created by proviso to Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 as originally enacted did not bring about the actual partition or disruption of coparcenary. It also clarified that an unregistered oral partition, without any contemporaneous public document, cannot be accepted as the statutory recognised mode of partition.

"However, in exceptional cases where plea of oral partition is supported by public documents and partition is finally evinced in the same manner as if it had been affected by a decree of a court, it may be accepted," the Bench held. The Court said disputes pending on this question in various courts should be decided within the next six months.

Obituary

A. Venkatesh

Mysuru, Aug. 12 - A. Venkatesh (75), a retired employee of NIE and a resident of Vivekananda Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, son-in-law, one son, daughter-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon, according to family sources.

K. Prakash

K. Prakash (51), a resident of Alanahalli Layout passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to sources.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission to BVA course at CAVA

Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru, has invited applications for BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course for the academic year 2020-21. Candidates who have passed PUC or Foundation Course in Visual Arts or any other equivalent courses are eligible to apply. Last date to submit filled-in forms is Aug. 17. Application can be obtained on payment of Rs. 250 in cash or Rs. 350 by post. DD for Rs. 350 should be drawn in favour of Dean, Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts, Mysuru (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931, according to a press release.

e-Quiz on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swatantra Bharat'

As part of Independence Day Celebrations 2020, online quiz competition on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swatantra Bharat' will be conducted by Ministry of Defence. Interested persons can participate by logging on to the link http://quiz.mygov.in/aatmanirbhar-bharat-swatantra-bharat-quiz. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2485898, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, has awarded Ph.D in Mathematics to G.P. Saritha for her thesis 'New Trends in Complex Functions Theory' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Latha, Professor (retd.), Department of Mathematics, Yuvaraja's College, University of Mysore.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.12 ft
Yesterday	121.12 ft
Inflow	40,794 cusecs
Outflow	3,575 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.14 ft
Inflow	23,929 cusecs
Outflow	26,517 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.39 ft
Inflow	5,583 cusecs
Outflow	5,636 cusecs

Talacauvery Chief Priest's body found: Search on for three more bodies

T.S. Narayanachar

Madikeri, Aug. 12 (PS&BCT)- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has recovered the body of the Chief Priest of Talacauvery T.S. Narayanachar (80) yesterday from the landslide site at Gajagiri Hill next to Brahmagiri Hill in Kodagu.

The body of one more victim Anandathirtha was found two days back. He was the brother of Narayanachar. Narayanachar's body was found at around 2.30 pm at a place called Naga Theertha, two kilometres from his house. Efforts are on to trace the remaining three persons — Narayanachar's wife Shantha and Assistant Priests Ravikiran Bhat and Srinivas Bhat. Yesterday, the mangled remains of a Duster Suv and an Omni van, both of which reportedly belonging to Narayanachar, were found.

Speaking to reporters, Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna said that rescue teams were doing the job under hostile weather. Somanna said that Narayanachar had served the Talacauvery Temple for decades and it was wrong to character assassinate a person.

"Narayanachar is a senior person and a section of media is indulging in propaganda about his reported wealth, gold, cash and other valuables inside his house. All the reports are speculative and are baseless. I request the media to desist from publishing or telecasting such reports," he said. To support his point, Somanna said that extensive search in the area surrounding the Priest's house had yielded house-hold utensils, *puja* materials and a silver statue of a God. "This shows that Narayanachar led a simple life and there is propaganda to tarnish his image," Somanna said.

Ever since the landslide has occurred, there have been no *puja* rituals at Talacauvery and moreover, earth-movers are still clearing the rubble that has fallen on the road. "Rituals at Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple at Bhagamandala have begun. Priests from Sri Bhagandeshwara Temple will perform *pujas* at Talacauvery and opinion from Tantris will be sought before commencing the rituals at Talacauvery," Somanna added.

The Minister said that he and MP Pratap Simha would have to leave to Bengaluru due to urgent COVID work and would be back on Saturday. Till then, Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah would supervise the rescue operations, he said.

MLC Sunil Subramani, MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MP Pratap Simha, Zilla Panchayat Vice-President Lokeshwari Gopal and others were present.

Realtor commits suicide

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (YDS&KS)- A realtor, said to be depressed, committed suicide by hanging self at his residence in Saraswathipuram yesterday evening.

The deceased is Raghavendra (36), a resident of Saraswathipuram 11th Main.

Raghavendra, who was into real estate business, suffered from financial issues due to lockdown and had gone depressed.

On Tuesday afternoon, Raghavendra sent his wife and his seven-year-old daughter to his in-law's house at Dattagalli and committed suicide.

Police said that the suicide came to light, when his wife came to the house at about 6 pm yesterday.

Saraswathipuram Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Pick pockets steal Rs. 32,000 from man boarding city bus

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (YDS&KS)- Pick pockets have made away with a purse containing Rs. 32,000 cash from a man, who was boarding a city bus near Lakshmi Theatre on Chamaraja Double Road yesterday.

The man, who lost his money, is B.R. Manjunath. Yesterday morning, Manjunath, who wanted to go to Janatha Nagar, was boarding the city bus near Lakshmi Theatre, when pick pockets stole his purse containing Rs. 32,000 cash.

A complaint has been lodged at K.R. Police Station in this regard.

Youth drowns in Kabini backwaters

H.D. Kote, Aug. 12 (Manju& KS)- A 28-year-old youth, who had gone for a swim in Kabini backwaters, has been drowned.

The deceased youth is Madeva, son of Ningaraju and a resident of N. Begur in the taluk.

Madeva, along with his friends Prabhakar, Basavaraja and Hanumantha, went for a swim on Monday afternoon to Kabini backwaters near a resort close to the village, when Madeva drowned following which, the three friends informed Beechanahalli Police.

Sub-Inspector Ramachandra Nayaka and staff, who rushed to the spot along with Fire and Emergency Services personnel, launched a hunt to trace the body of Madeva and the body was fished out in the evening.

The body was shifted to the General Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the deceased's family members.

No complaint has been filed in this regard.

Man goes missing from city

Jayaprakash

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (KS)- A 28-year-old man, who left his house to buy groceries, has gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by the missing person's mother Mahadevamma with Mysuru South Police.

The missing person is Jayaprakash, a resident of Ramabainagar. He is 5.5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, round faced, has tattoos of two pigeons on his right hand, speaks Kannada, Hindi and English and was wearing a white, red and blue coloured T-shirt and a blur jeans pant at the time of going missing.

According to the complaint, Jayaprakash left the house on Aug. 6 at about 11 am in his car (KA-01 MF-9306) to purchase groceries and has not returned home. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

KRRS to stage drum beating

protest on Aug.14 midnight at Bengaluru

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (PM&DM)- Accusing the BJP Government in the State of throwing democratic norms to the wind, KRRS (Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha) has strongly opposed the amendments to Karnataka Land Reforms and APMC Acts, saying that the Govt. was out to protect only the interests of capitalists, while completely ignoring concerns of the farming community.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday, KRRS President Badagalapura Nagendra accused the BJP Government of introducing anti-people Acts amid COVID-19.

Urging the Government to repeal the amendments to Land Reforms and APMC Acts in the better interests of the farming community and the people at large, he warned of taking out a torch light protest march and holding midnight drum-beating demonstration on Aug.14 at Bengaluru, in association with organisations such as DSS (Dalit Sangharsha Samiti) and other like-minded groups.

He further said that a seminar would be organised in Mysuru on Aug.29 in order to sensitise the people on the dangers of the amendments made to the Acts and the Anti-people policies of the Union Govt. that threatens the livelihood of crores of people.

Guest Lecturers continue weekly protest

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (PM&DM)- Continuing their weekly protest (every Tuesday) seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included payment of wages for lockdown period and job security, Guest Lecturers, under the banner of Government First Grade Colleges Guest Lecturers State Co-ordination Committee, staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here yesterday.

Stating that more than 14,500 Guest Lecturers were serving in over 400 Government First Grade Colleges across the State, the protesters claimed that they are paid a paltry sum of Rs.11,000 to Rs.13,000 as monthly honorarium.

Maintaining that Haryana and West Bengal States have already announced job security for Guest Lecturers, they urged the Karnataka Government to follow this model and thus come to their rescue. Alleging that they are not paid wages for the lockdown period, they wanted the Government to consider lockdown period as service period and pay wages for the same. Seeking payment of Rs.10 lakh compensation to the families of each of the Guest Lecturers who either committed suicide or died of ailments, they warned of staging a hunger stir on Aug. 15 if the Government failed to respond to their demands.

JD(S) MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, who represents South Graduates Constituency in the Legislative Council, joined the protest in support of the Guest Lecturers.

Brahmins demand implementation of 10 percent reservation in Karnataka

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RKB&DM)- The Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board has urged the State Government to implement the 10 percent reservation for economically backward in general category announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, one of the Board Directors M.R. Balakrishna said that the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand have already announced 10 percent reservation in jobs for economically backward among general categories, following an order by PM Modi. But Karnataka is yet to implement the same, he said and wanted the State to implement the scheme at the earliest as it would help economically backward Brahmin community members.

Balakrishna further said that the Board's first meeting held recently, discussed the ways and means for delivering schemes such as Sandeepani student scholarship, Veda Scholarship, Vishwamitra Pratibha Puraskara, Sannidhi scheme, Kalyana, Chaitanya and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Skill Development Programme, to beneficiary Brahmin community members.

He further said with the Government ordering issuance of caste and income certificate to Brahmins, the community members can apply for the same online along with the required documents at Taluk Office, Naada Kacheri or Atal Seva Kendras.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	141
Total positive cases	:	2,765
Total discharges	:	1,386
Total deaths	:	26
Total active cases	:	1,353

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	72
Total positive cases	:	1,299
Total discharges	:	858
Total deaths	:	22
Total active cases	:	419

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	41
Total positive cases	:	742
Total discharges	:	457
Total deaths	:	11
Total active cases	:	274

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	146
Total positive cases	:	3,748
Total discharges	:	1,445
Total deaths	:	107
Total active cases	:	2,196

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Trauma Centre on KRS Road as additional COVID Hospital

Modern facility has 246 beds and 46 ventilators; SARI and ILI patients to be admitted there: DC

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (MTY&BCT)- The new and ultra-modern Mysuru Trauma Care Centre in PKTB premises on KRS Road will be used as another COVID-19 Hospital in the wake of rising Coronavirus cases, said Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar here this morning.

He was addressing the Task Force meeting of Chamaraja Constituency along with MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and Corporator M.U. Subbaiah at Zilla Panchayat Hall this morning. The DC said that the Centre has 246 beds and 46 ventilators.

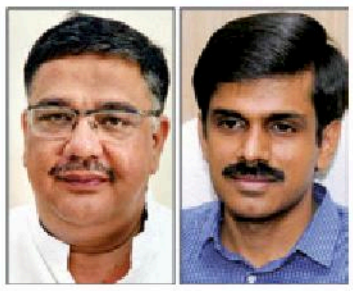
"All the patients suffering from Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) at the K.R. Hospital at present will be shifted to this Trauma Centre and the K.R. Hospital will be reserved to treat non-COVID patients. The Trauma Hospital is a second major advanced facility to treat COVID patients after the District Hospital that has now been converted into an exclusive facility to treat virus-infected patients," he said.

The DC asked the Health Department officers and all those allied departments who are fighting the virus to ensure that contact tracing and quarantine measures are strictly enforced. "If there is shortage of personnel, the services of booth-level officers can be used. Also, the Chamaraja Constituency has been divided into three zones to conduct rapid testing. Town Hall has been identified as Zone 6, CITB Choultry as Zone 5 and Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri as Zone 4. Rapid testing will be undertaken at these venues," he added.

This apart, 15 mobile rapid testing units will be given to Chamaraja segment, the DC added. On COVID infections in J.K. Tyres and Industries, MLA said that over 1,200 employees have been subjected to COVID tests and they and their quarantined family members are being monitored. Still, tests have to be conducted on over 5,000 employees of the factory to rule out any further infections, he added.

Hold exclusive plasma donation camp, Tanveer Sait urges DC

DC asks hospitals, healthcare staff not to reuse PPE kits and discard them as per protocol



Tanveer Sait *Abhiram*

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RK&BCT)- The District Administration should hold an exclusive blood (plasma) donation camp to encourage COVID-recovered patients to donate their plasma to help other Coronavirus patients to recover, opined Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait.

Meeting Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar at DC Office in city yesterday, Sait apprised the DC about the need of setting up an exclusive blood bank for COVID plasma collection. At present, plasma is being collected from COVID patients at the Blood Bank located inside the State-run K.R. Hospital. "Due to this, a normal blood donation camp cannot be conducted here and people are not coming forward to donate blood," the MLA told the DC.

To prevent this, the District Administration must initiate exclusive plasma donation camps to collect plasma from COVID-recovered patients, he urged the DC. "The recovery rate in Mysuru is high and many recovered patients are coming forward to donate their plasma. Obtaining plasma will also help other patients to recover," Tanveer Sait felt. Hearing the MLA, DC Abhiram Sankar assured him that he would discuss the issue with his officers and look into the possibility of holding plasma donation camps.

On the COVID-care measures to be taken at Narasimharaja Constituency, the MLA told the DC that there is a need of more doctors and healthcare staff at various COVID Care Centres established in NR Constituency.

PPE kits left to dry

Meanwhile, the DC has directed all the doctors and healthcare workers treating COVID patients in city not to reuse the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and discard the same after one use. This has to be followed both by Government hospitals and private establishments and the used PPE kits must be discarded as per established protocols.

The DC's direction comes in the wake of certain people who have been found washing and drying the PPE kits after its use. A few residents of Brindavan Extension on KRS Road had complained to the DC that some healthcare workers of private hospitals were washing and drying the PPE kits like normal clothes. This had made the residents anxious as the used kits may lead to the spread of the virus.

Acting swiftly on the plaint, DC Abhiram Sankar directed the Health Department to ensure that no hospital staff or healthcare professionals resort to reuse the PPE kits.

The DC personally visited the private hospital in question and directed the administration to desist from reusing such kits.

As per the protocol issued by Indian Council of Medical Research, once used, the PPE kits must be discarded in a proper way. The kits that were put to dry at Brindavan Extension must be disposed of as per protocols, the DC directed. The Health Department has been directed to take further action in this regard.

Serial Thefts Rock City

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Once inside, the burglars stole Rs. 75,000 cash from the cash collection box and also took away select costly liquor bottles that were on display inside the glass shelves.

Next the burglars targeted Ramanna and Sons, a beeda stall in front of Akshaya Bar near Agrahara Circle. The shop is run by Prakash and Rs. 30,000 cash and many cigarette packs were stolen.

After looting Ramanna and Sons, thieves tried to break open the shutters of Udupi Upachaar. As it was an old-model heavy rolling shutters, burglars could not gain entry into the hotel. Before trying to break open the hotel shutters, burglars twisted the CCTV cameras to the other side so that their visuals are not filmed. However, the Police have found out that the criminals were wearing gloves and monkey caps and this shop was targeted at 12.45 am.

Next, they opened the shutters of Sri Delhi Mart near Agrahara Circle. The shop sells dry fruits and condiments made out of cashew and dry grapes. Here they could not find any cash. They then broke open the shutters of Sri Varalakshmi Sweets at around 1.30 am and stole Rs. 450 that was kept in the cash box.

All the thefts came to light when the owners came to open their shops this morning. Dog Squad and Finger Print experts are conducting a mahazar and Krishnaraja Inspector Srinivas and staff have visited the area. As the burglars were wearing gloves, tracing their finger prints is not an easy task, admit Police sources.

Zoo Road may be ready in 15 days

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The construction of the subway was taken up to enable visitors and tourists to cross the Shalivahana Road (road in front of the Zoo) from the parking area as the road usually witnesses heavy traffic throughout the day.

The tender for the construction of the subway at a cost of Rs. 1.75 crore was awarded to Vinyas Builders of Bengaluru. Initially, the subway works was scheduled to commence from Jan. 2 and the Police had given a deadline for the completion of the construction by Feb. 15. But as there was influx of tourists to city then, the work was postponed for 15 days and it began on Jan. 17. It was scheduled to be completed by March 2.

The subway will be 24 meters in length, 4.9 mts wide and 10 ft. tall. A total of 13 ft. deep trench was dug up for the purpose. Painting on the subway walls with 'Wildlife Conservation' as the theme would be taken up once the cement plastering inside the subway is completed.

Once the subway is constructed, the frequent traffic jams amidst movement of pedestrians and tourists in front of the Zoo will be a thing of the past as pedestrians and tourists will have to take the subway to reach the Zoo.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 12 -Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Aug. 13) between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Saraswathipuram 1st to 6th Main Road, Kamakshi Hospital, Maithri Circle, Saraswathi Theatre, K.G. Koppal and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

Mid-day meal workers stage
demonstration seeking payment of wages

Mysuru, Aug.12(RKB&DM)- Mid-day meal workers, under the banner of AITUC-affiliated Karnataka State Akshara Dasoha Mid-Day Meal Workers Federation, staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning seeking payment of pending wages of four months.

Claiming that Head Cooks are paid a paltry salary of Rs. 2,700 and Assistant Cooks Rs. 2,600 as monthly honorarium, the protestors alleged that the Government has failed to release wages for the past four months, including wages during the COVID-19 induced lockdown months of April and May.

Stating that their numerous representations to the Government seeking to fulfil their just demands have fallen on deaf ears, they urged the Government to pay them minimum wages and provide them statutory benefits such as ESI, PF, Gratuity etc., besides regularising their service.

They also demanded a special package on the lines of the State Government's relief package for workers of the unorganised sector.

AITUC office-bearers K.G. Somaraje Urs, Y. Mahadevamma and others took part in the protest.

Sugarcane growers demand stipulation of FRP price

Mysuru, Aug.12 (RKB&DM)- Accusing the Union Government of ignoring the plight of Sugarcane growers, the Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association has urged the Government to announce a minimum FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price) of Rs.3,200 per tonne for sugarcane at the earliest.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, Association President Kurubur Shantakumar said that the Union Government has failed to announce the FRP for sugarcane for the past two years, which has become a cause of great worry for the growers.

Claiming that the Government was keeping silent due to the pressure exerted by Sugarcane Mill owners, Shantakumar said that the Parliamentarians too had failed to raise their voice in favour of the farming community.

Demanding the Government to announce a minimum FRP of Rs.3,200 per tonne this year, he opined that Seers or various mutts should take to the streets for the cause of farmers, who have been demanding remunerative prices for their produce for years together.

Association office-bearers Kiragasur Shankar,H.S. Ramegowda and Nagaraj were present at the press meet.

Raitha Sangha leaders to hold protest on Aug. 15

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (PM&SD)- Contending that the Government had failed to attend to the problems of farmers in the State, members of Samuhika Nayakatvada Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene will be wearing black bands on their wrists and holding a protest march from Deputy Commissioner's Office to City Court premises on Aug. 15.

Disclosing this at a press meet held at Leela Chennaiah Kalyanamantap on Valmiki Road at Paduvarahalli this morning, Raitha Sangha State Core Committee Member Manju Kiran said, "As a protest against the Government's move to amend the Karnataka Land Reforms Act and others related issues, farmers will be observing a 'black day' on Aug. 15. We would like to strongly condemn the statement given by ruling BJP Ministers that our protests are sponsored by Opposition parties. The administration is testing our patience, but we will continue our agitation against this shameless Government."

Farmers, under the leadership of Thinker Chukki Nanjundaswamy, will be holding a protest march from Deputy Commissioner's Office to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in front of City Court complex on Aug. 15.

"Earlier, we had planned to hold indefinite strike from Aug. 15, but farmers now are engaged in agricultural activities due to good rains in recent days. Hence, we have postponed our plans to go on indefinite strike," he said

Condemning inaction of the State Government, Raitha Sangha District General Secretary Immavu Raghu warned that farmers will lay siege to Vidhana Soudha if their demands are not addressed immediately. Raitha Sangha Honorary President K.G. Shivaprasad, Convenor Shiramalli Manjunath, Nanjangud taluk President Satish were present at the press meet.

ATI conducts training on e-Governance

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Gazetted Officer Bharathi of Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysuru, conducted a training session on 'e-Governance and computer usage' to trainees at a programme organised by Data Analytics and e-Governance Division of ATI, in association with the Department of Public Library and District Training Institute yesterday. Department of Public Library Vice-President Dr. C.P. Ramashesh briefed the participants about digital library and information services. ATI lecturers K.V. Shivaramaiah, District and City Central Library Vice-President B. Manjunath and others participated in the session.

Obituary

Jayaram

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Jayaram (58), proprietor of Hotel South Thindies on Dhanvantri Road and a resident of Siddarthanagar, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held today evening at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

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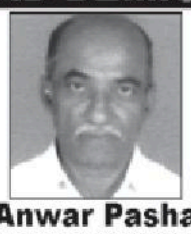

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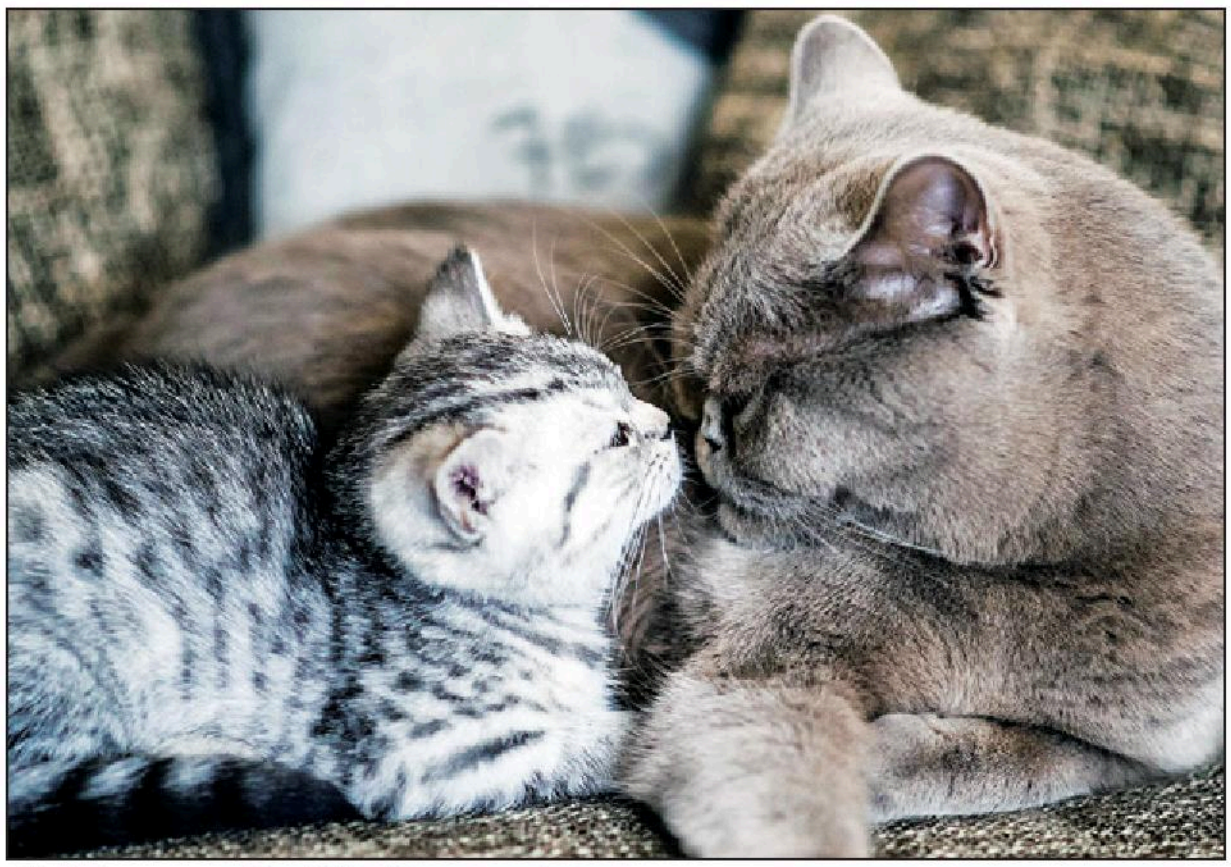
Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi



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Why do cats chase lasers?

Lasers are inherently stimulating to cats because of what they represent: fast moving prey. Just because your cat doesn't have to work hard for her food doesn't mean that she's not hardwired for the job.

As the dot of a laser darts around the room, your cat interprets it as a small animal trying to run and hide. As such, certain inherent feline behaviours come out, notably the innate desire to hunt, pounce, and kill the prey in question. The fact that it's merely a projection doesn't matter very much because your cat is operating on auto-pilot, not on intellect.

How do I tame a feral cat?

Food is how wild cats became domesticated in the first place: they figured out that hanging around humans equalled regular meals. So, successfully taming a feral cat in your neighbourhood will begin by establishing a routine around food. Feed the cat at the same time and in the same spot every day. Don't make eye contact with him when you see him; cats can take that as threatening. Sit or stand quietly nearby and just ignore the cat as he eats. Once that's going well, you can talk to the feral cat in a calm, soft voice. The hope is that the cat will start to trust you. Once you sense that he does, move the food a little closer to you each day. Of course, offering a few cat-treats along with food can't hurt.

Don't attempt to touch the feral cat until you are at least confident, judging from his day-to-day reactions to you, that he'll allow it. If he backs away, stop and wait a few days before trying again. Take care not to make sudden movements. Let him sniff your finger before trying to stroke his cheek. Once the cat seems comfortable with touch, then you can move on to petting. If this is a success, you can try gently picking him up. Be prepared for weeks of diligent effort, if not months, to get to this point. You must take him to the veterinarian for a full check-up and vaccinations, and of course, to be neutered or spayed. You'll need to have built up enough trust with the cat to be able to get him into a crate for the trip. This may take several tries, but this step can't be skipped when taming a feral cat — for your sake as well as his.

How can I tell if my cat has fleas?

If you observe your cat scratching and aren't sure if fleas are the cause, use a flea comb on your cat and observe the tiny black dots that emerge on the comb. These are commonly called "flea dirt," but, it is the excrement the flea leaves. Smash some with a damp paper towel and the flea dirt will turn red. The red colour is residue from your cat's blood and a warning that cat flea control is necessary.

How to get rid of fleas on your cat?

Comb the cat: Using a flea comb, comb carefully throughout the entire body of the cat. Keep a jar or bowl of diluted bleach nearby, and as you collect fleas on the comb, shake them into the jar. The fleas will die quickly.

Bathe the cat: If you and your cat are up to it, a bath will drown most remaining fleas. It isn't necessary to use a "flea" shampoo or a "flea dip" for this purpose. Just a mild cat or baby shampoo will do the job handsomely.

Do ticks affect cats?

Ticks can attach themselves into your cat's skin. They can transmit severe diseases that can affect both you and your cat and, if the infestation is heavy enough, can result in severe blood loss. It is essential to remove any ticks you spot on your cat's skin quickly and efficiently to minimise harm to your cat.

What are the symptoms of tick infestation?

Ticks can cause itching, but very often there are no overt symptoms unless your cat develops a tick-borne illness. The only "symptom" you may see is the presence of a tick on your cat. Run your hands over your cat's body when it comes home for dinner each evening to check for any lumps or bumps. A tick will feel like a small bump on your pet's skin. They tend to attach themselves to areas around a cat's head, neck, ear and feet.

How to stop your cat from rejecting a new kitten?

When you bring a new kitten home, it's important to slowly introduce it to your cat. Whether you've done that or not, if the cats aren't getting along, there are a few steps you can take to try to break the ice.

Food bowls: Make sure the kitten has its own food and water bowls that are not in the same location as your cat's bowls. Feed them in separate areas so your cat doesn't become territorial about its own food and your kitten gets a chance to eat.

Sleeping areas: Provide separate sleeping areas for both cats. Don't try to give your cat's old beds or condos to the new kitten. Your older cat has already established possession of these and won't take kindly to a kitten using them without permission.

Observation areas: Cats usually deal with "intruders" by trying to avoid them, and only display overt aggression as a last resort. Your cat should have a safe place to get away from the new kitten until they have gotten comfortable with each other. Provide your older cat with areas outside the kitten's reach where only it can go.

Litter boxes: Make sure you have one more litter box than you have cats. This means that if you have two cats, you should have three litter boxes. There should be no direct line of sight between the boxes in case both your older cat and new kitten are in different boxes at the same time.

Can you leash train your cat?

Yes, it is possible to leash train your cat. It is a great way to get your cat to safely enjoy the sights and sounds of the world beyond the house. It is also a good way to exercise your cat. Firstly, buy a good harness and leash for your cat. Make sure it's not too tight and there should be two finger space between the harness and the cat. Start by just having him or her get used to the harness. Let the cat sniff it, present it as a gift then gently put it on.

New noises can be alarming to some cats, so practice snapping the harness together or undoing the velcro to get your cat accustomed to the new sounds. Now that your cat is aware of the harness, slip it on him, but don't fasten it. Provide more treats as a distraction and to help your cat associate the harness with a positive experience. If it seems comfortable in it, leave it on a bit longer, but if he gets upset, provide a food distraction and slip the harness off. It's completely normal for cats to freeze up, refuse to walk or walk very strangely the first few times they're wearing a harness.

Your cat has likely never experienced the sensation of something on his back before, so it's going to take some time to adjust to it. When your cat is comfortable with the feel of the leash, practice following him around your home, keeping the leash loose in your hand. Continue to provide plenty of treats and praise throughout this process. Once you've both had some practice with this, it's time to try gently guiding the cat.

Apply a little pressure on the leash and let the cat come towards you. When he does, reward him with a treat. After some time, you can start taking the cat outside. Initially, your cat might be on high alert, so be patient and let the cat observe his environment. You may find that soon it will become comfortable being outside and will come to love being outside with you. Avoid taking him for long walks or in areas where there are dogs.

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Mysuru Literature Festival-2020
virtual series from this weekend

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson, Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015, lighting the lamp to symbolically inaugurate the fourth edition of the Mysuru Literature Festival in city recently as Trustees and Members (from left) Suchita Sanjay, Thankam Panackal, Kitty Mandana, Sam Cherian and Raian F. Irani look on.

Mysuru, Aug.12- With COVID-19 locking down cities, the fourth edition Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 will be held virtually on every weekend from Aug. 14 till Sept. 5.

Speaking to *SOM*, Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson of the Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 which organises the Fest, said this edition of the Festival has a wide range of authors and speakers including several well-known names like Amish Tripathi, Venu Rajamony, Amjad Ali Khan, Nandita Das, Vikram Kirloskar, Sagarika Ghose, Vasudhendra, Kavitha Lankesh, Aroon Raman, Dharmendra Kumar and a host of international authors from Colorado, Minnesota, Georgia, New Jersey, Washington DC to France, Netherlands, Abu Dhabi, London, and New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Mysuru.

Shubha has arranged many book launches, author meets and talks, in addition to holding Literature Festivals in 2017, 2018 and 2019 along with Trustees and Members of her Book Clubs.

Those interested may register at: *http://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/registration.* The webinar will also be streamed live on YouTube: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/*

Virtual sessions from Aug. 14 to Sept. 5

Aug. 14 - 7 pm: Panellists - V.V. Ganeshanathan, Preeta Samarasan, Soniah Kamal, Tania James; **Topic:** Openings - Writers on their beginnings.

Aug. 15 - 8 pm: Panellists - Andaleeb Wajid, Rohini Mohan, Mathangi Subramaniam; **Topic:** Writing about place.

Aug. 16 - 5.30 pm: Panellists Dharmendra and Vasudhendra; **Topic:** Tejo-Tungabhadra - History of a Common Man.

Aug. 16 - 7. 30 pm: Panellists - Sagarika Ghose and Prof. Shashidhar Nanjundiah; **Topic:** Why I am a Liberal?

Aug. 23 - 6 pm: Panellists - Vikram Kirloskar and Aroon Raman; **Topic**: Times in the New Age.

Aug. 23 - 7.30 pm: Panellists - Deepak Unnikrishnan, Krupa Ge, Mona Kareem; **Topic:** The Dialects of Oil and Rain.

Aug. 29 - 6.30 pm: Panellists - Nandita Das and Kavitha Lankesh; **Topic:** Feisty and Fearless.

Aug. 30 - 7 pm: Panellists - Amjad Ali Khan and Roopa Pai; **Topic:** Wafts of Melody.

Sept. 4 - 7 pm: Panellists - Venu Rajamony and Nitin Pai; **Topic:** Turning diplomatic experience into chronicles.

Sept. 5 - 7 pm: Panellists - Amish Tripathi and Shoba Narayan; **Topic:** Suheldev: Silent Hero of History.

Installation of Rotary Mysore East team

The new team of Rotary Club of Mysore East was installed by chief guest Past AG Rtn. K.G. Ananth Raj Urs. Guest of honour was the newly-elected AG Rtn. Rohith Ram Dev. The new team members are: M.K. Anand-President; Nagendra Muralidhar - Secretary; Lingaraju - Imm. Past President; D. Sriram - President Elect and VP; Kishore Bidappa - Treasurer; Kumarswamy - Joint Secretary; Malini Srinivasan - Club Service Director; H.R. Rajendra - Community Service Director; Renu Yamdagni - International Service Director; Shakuntala Elizabeth - Vocational Service Director; Rukmini Chandran - Youth Service Director; Deepak - Sergeant-at-Arms; Arun Kumar Singh-District Project; Indira Ballal - Membership; Dr. Kumarswamy - Pulse Polio; Rohith Subbaiah -TRF.

MCC registers for
India Cycles4Change Challenge
Seeks support of citizens

Mysuru, Aug. 12- Mysuru is one of the 95 cities to have registered for **India Cycles4Change Challenge,** an initiative of Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India. The India Programme of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) is the knowledge partner of Smart Cities Mission in conducting this challenge and guiding cities.

Through this Challenge, the registered cities will implement quick interventions to create a safe and cycling-friendly city. To ensure this transformation, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is committed to working with its citizens as it develops and implements the proposals. Community engagement is a key component of the initiative and MCC seeks support of citizens in making this programme a success.

The India Cycles4Change Challenge was announced on June 25 by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge), MoHUA, at the 5th Anniversary Celebrations of the Smart City Mission. It aims to inspire and support cities to implement quick cycling-friendly initiatives in response to COVID-19. The Challenge will run in two stages.

Stage 1 will run until October, where cities will pilot initiatives such as pop-up cycle lanes, host public consultations, conduct surveys and hold campaigns to promote cycling, which will help develop a scale-up strategy. Based on the pilots and city-wide proposals submitted, 11 cities will be shortlisted in October for Stage 2. In this stage, they will be awarded Rs. 1 crore and will be guided by national and international experts to scale-up the initiatives. This stage will extend till May 2021.

During the Challenge, cities will be guided through online workshops, technical knowledge material and peer-to-peer learning discussions with fellow cities. This will help cities to strategise and implement pilots, while also developing their scale-up proposal.

Mysuru city is participating in India Cycles4Change Challenge to promote and implement cycling-friendly initiatives. As the city has wider roads alongside beautiful greenery, with the participation of Mysuru citizens we can aim towards making cycling-friendly and healthier city."

—Gurudatta Hegde, Commissioner, MCC

Cities, citizens and experts to work together

Citizen collaboration is a key metric in the evaluation of proposals submitted by the cities. To assist the city in this aspect, the Challenge has launched an online portal which features a page exclusively for this purpose titled *'Support your city'*. By filling the form on this page, interested citizens, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), students, consultants and corporates can express their interest in the Challenge. Interested citizens can support through the following ways:

- Plan and design cycling initiatives
- Coordinate the roll-out of the programme
- Organise consultations with citizens
- Mobilise volunteers
- Be a volunteer for initiatives
- Spread the word through social networks
- Document through photos, videos and blogs
- Monitor or evaluate the impact of initiatives
- Sponsor or bring in sponsors

Using this portal, MCC will review the entries and form a diverse team that will support in implementing the initiatives.

MCC has already attended Workshop 1 of the Challenge, which focused on technical, community engagement and communications components of cycling initiatives. Over the next few weeks, the city will roll out a survey to understand citizens' perception of cycling. MCC urges all CSOs, consultants, corporates or concerned citizens to support Mysuru city in the India Cycles4Change Challenge by registering using the link: *https://bit.ly/2X0UK3v*

WORD OF THE DAY

Hierophant

Pronunciation: HYE-uh-ruh-fant.
Meaning: A priest in ancient Greece; specifically : the chief priest of the Eleusinian mysteries; person who explains : expositor; one who defends or maintains a cause or proposal : advocate.
Origin: Hierophant, hieroglyphics, and hierarch have a common root: hieros, a Greek word meaning "sacred." Hieroglyphics joins hieros with a derivative of glyphein, the Greek verb for "to carve." Hierarch, a word that can refer to a religious leader in a position of authority, joins hieros with a derivative of archein, meaning "to rule." Hierophant itself joins the root with a derivative of phainein, which means "to show." The original hierophants were priests of the ancient Greek city of Eleusis who performed sacred rites. In the 17th century, when the word was first documented in English, it referred to these priests. By the 19th century, English speakers were using the term in a broader sense. A hierophant can now be a spokesperson, a commentator, an interpreter, or a leading advocate.
Example: The art world is a balkanized anarchy, with lots of little insides, lots of little games, better and worse people, hierophants and hustlers." — Peter Schjeldahl

THE ODD WORD

Haematic

Blood-coloured.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hands Down

Meaning: Not difficult; easily. Something done with little effort.
Origin: The origin of this phrase is believed to be from horse racing. Here's why: During a race, the jockeys will have a firm grip on their horse's reins. This helps with controlling the speed and direction of the horse. Towards the end of a race, if one of the racers find themselves out far ahead in front of the competition, it was no longer necessary to hold the reins with such a tight grip. So the rider might choose to relax his hold and lower his hands, confident that victory was only a few gallops away.
Thus, a rider winning 'hands down' meant the jockey's victory was pretty much an easy guarantee. To go along with all of this, the earliest I could find this phrase in print is from the 19th century. It was used in relation to horse racing in several newspapers from this time. For example, in the Evening Herald, printed in London in 1861, there's a detailed summary of a recent race that was given, and there's a part from it that reads:
"Soon after rounding the turn into the straight, Marignan deprived Bannerdale of the lead, and won hands down by four lengths, half a length between the second and third."

QUOTE BOX

I don't know where my road is going, but I know that I walk better when I hold your hand. **— Alfred de Musset**

RIDDLE THIS

What has hands, but can't clap?

Answer: A clock.

SUDOKU

3		2						
	9		2		6			
		1			9		8	
6	4					2	1	
				7				
	2	5					4	9
	5		6			1		
			7		4		6	
						5		8

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	2	7	1	8	5	6	3
7	6	3	5	4	2	1	9	8
1	5	8	9	6	3	2	7	4
8	1	7	4	5	9	6	3	2
5	3	6	2	8	7	4	1	9
9	2	4	6	3	1	7	8	5
6	8	1	3	2	4	9	5	7
2	7	5	8	9	6	3	4	1
3	4	9	1	7	5	8	2	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Jurisprudence?
4 High Power Amplifier
7 Expressive of sorrow
10 Copies the monkeys?
12 RK Studio's 1948 offering?
13 Musical work
15 Supersonic airliner
17 Small rodents
18 Not in
19 Former Aussie paceman Gillespie
20 Performer
23 Egg-shaped
25 What to visit when you go to bazaar?
26 Economy or prudence
29 Illuminated
30 Loutish dolt
31 To free from
33 "Cur bog" anagram for a German town?
36 Lima is its capital city
37 Boss of a shield
38 Assessed
39 City in Oklahoma
42 A type of fish
43 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
44 John, Jude, Paul, Judas and Peter?
49 A particular day of the month
50 Actress __ Ryan
51 Measurement
52 Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, acronym
53 Prefix meaning equal
54 Greek letter

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	S	T	■	R	A	F	■	G	O	A	T
N	I	C	E	■	E	M	I	■	H	I	K	E
D	A	R	E	■	D	E	F	■	A	S	I	S
O	C	A	■	C	O	N	T	I	N	E	N	T
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A	F	F	I	D	A	V	I	T	■	N	A	E
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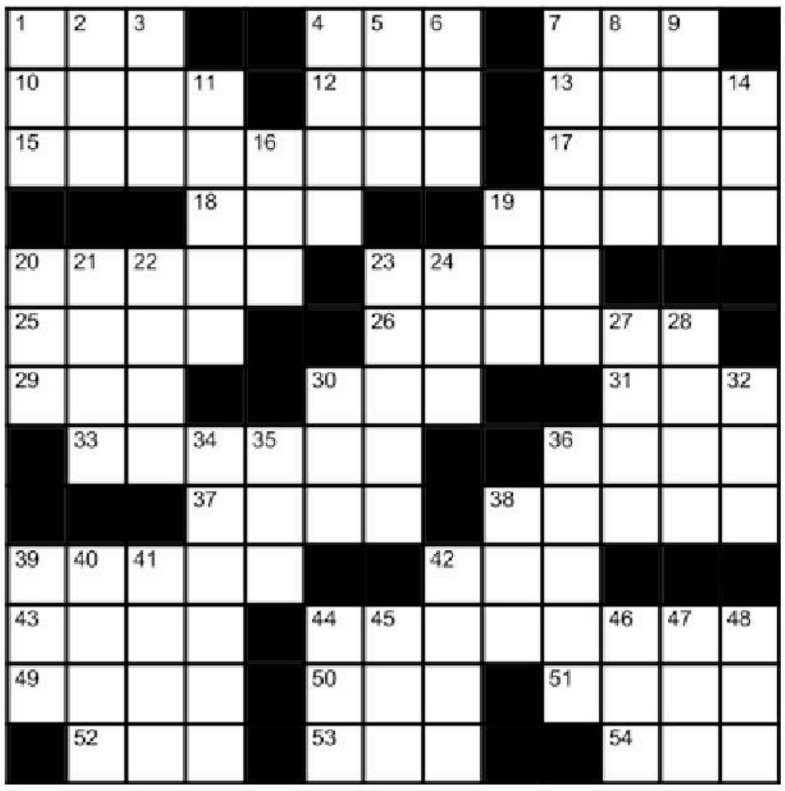
O	G	E	E	■	E	S	K	■	S	L	I	P
S	S	E	S	■	S	T	Y	■	A	E	O	N

DOWN
1 Dark red resin
2 GI address
3 Cyst
4 Male deer
5 A shin-guard
6 Grow old
7 Mogadishu resident
8 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
9 Spray-on paint for motor vehicles
11 Exclusive news item
14 A Japanese copper coin
16 The possessive case of "we"
19 Cylindrical glass container
20 Above sea level
21 Smart and elegant
22 Dorothy's dog!
23 New Zealand South Island district
24 Very High Frequency
27 Worry
28 Grow weary
30 A globe or sphere
32 Counterfeit article
34 Dry measure of eight gallons
35 __ Devi aka Tuntun
36 Political group
38 An Ethiopian prince
39 Ex-British P.M. Heath
40 Beehive state of USA?
41 Her playback singing is legendary
42 Dancer type (2-2)
44 The French friend?
45 Footlike organ
46 Latitude, abbr.
47 The age you find in the younger generation
48 Satellite Data Unit



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MGA JVPA K XDTM MV FAM WVJAMGKTF

NVTA, MGA BAWW K ODBB KM XVPZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.

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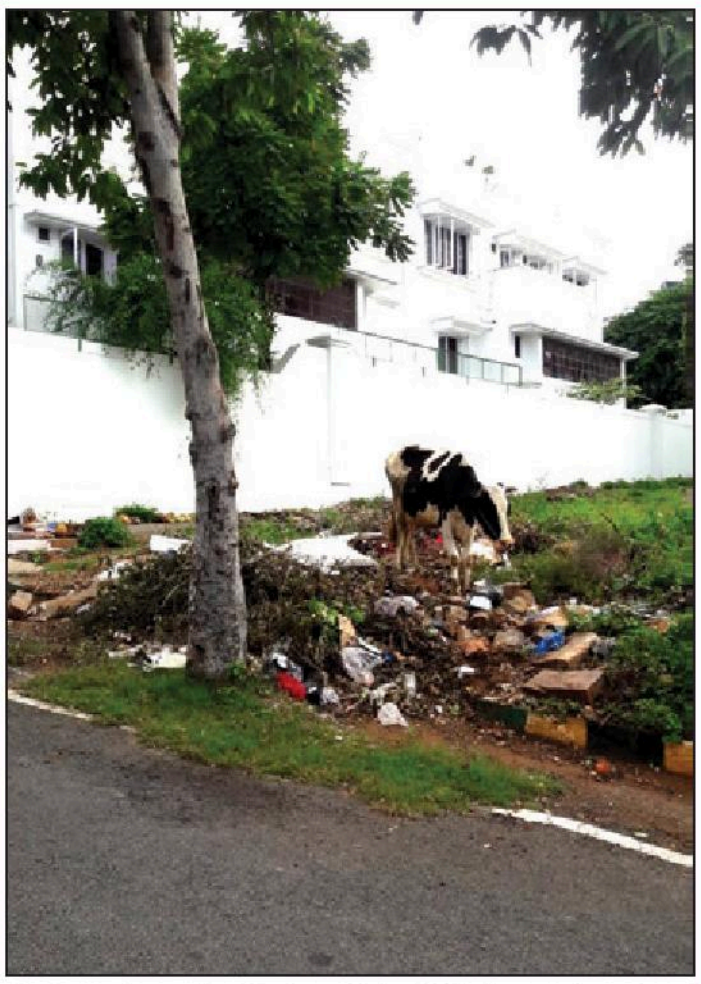
Plea to clear garbage at Yadavagiri 1st Main



Garbage dumped at Yadavagiri 1st Main is not cleared and is getting scattered due to wind and rains. Residents allege of foul smell emanating from the garbage heap and also increase in mosquitoes in the vicinity which has resulted in many falling sick due to mosquito bites. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the garbage heap cleared at the earliest.

Manhole behind Lakshmi Theatre on the verge of collapse

The surroundings of the manhole on Renukacharya Street behind Lakshmi Theatre is in the verge of caving-in which may also result in the manhole collapsing. This may pose danger to the public and the residents have urged the authorities concerned to take up repair works at the earliest.

No regular trains till Sept. 30

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RK&DM)- Barring the operation of Special trains, the Railways has extend the ban on the running of regular trains till Sept. 30 in the wake of rapid spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier, the Railways had said that the ban will be in force till Aug.12. But with no signs of the pandemic abating and also the sharp drop in the number of passengers due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Railways has extended the ban till Sept. 30.

Accordingly, barring a few special trains and Goods Trains, the normal train services will remain suspended until Sept. 30. The message has been circulated to all Divisions of the Railways via e-mail.

Meanwhile, the number of passengers travelling by the Special Mysuru-Bengaluru Express has slightly increased over the past few days. This train, which leaves Mysuru City Railway Station on all days at 6.45 am, is very much similar to the popular Chamundi Express. On its return journey, the Special Train Departs KSR Bengaluru Railway Station at 6.15 pm and reach Mysuru at 9.05 pm.

After the train was introduced in June following relaxation in COVID-19 lockdown regulations, the train that has 14 bogies with a total seating capacity of 1,500 passengers, used to record a poor ridership of just about 150 passengers. But with the passage of time, there has been a slight improvement in ridership as about 400 to 500 passengers have started to travel by the train on week days.

However, this number drops to 200 to 300 on week ends. The Railway Authorities expect that ridership will pick up once the COVID-19 pandemic start showing signs of abatement and all activities return to normal.

With no over-the counter tickets available, the passengers are required to book their tickets online for the journey and non-availability of over-the counter tickets too has hindered train ridership. The Mysuru-Bengaluru train is one of the only two special daily trains running in the State, the other being Bengaluru-Belagavi train.

Railway employees stage protest against privatisation

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RKB&KS)- Opposing the move to privatise the Railway Department and fulfilment of various demands, the members of South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (Hubballi), Mysuru Division, staged a protest at Mysuru Railway Station on Sunday.

Shouting slogans such as 'Save Railways - Save India,' the protesters demanded adequate compensation be paid to employees who had died of COVID, stop corporatisation of Railway Production Units, fill up of vacant posts and scrap NPS and introduce old pension scheme among other demands.

South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (Hubballi), Mysuru Division, Divisional President S. Somashekar, Secretary P. Shivaprakash, office-bearers Nagendran, Fernandes, Sripathi, V. Shivakumar, C. Shivakumar and others took part in the protest.

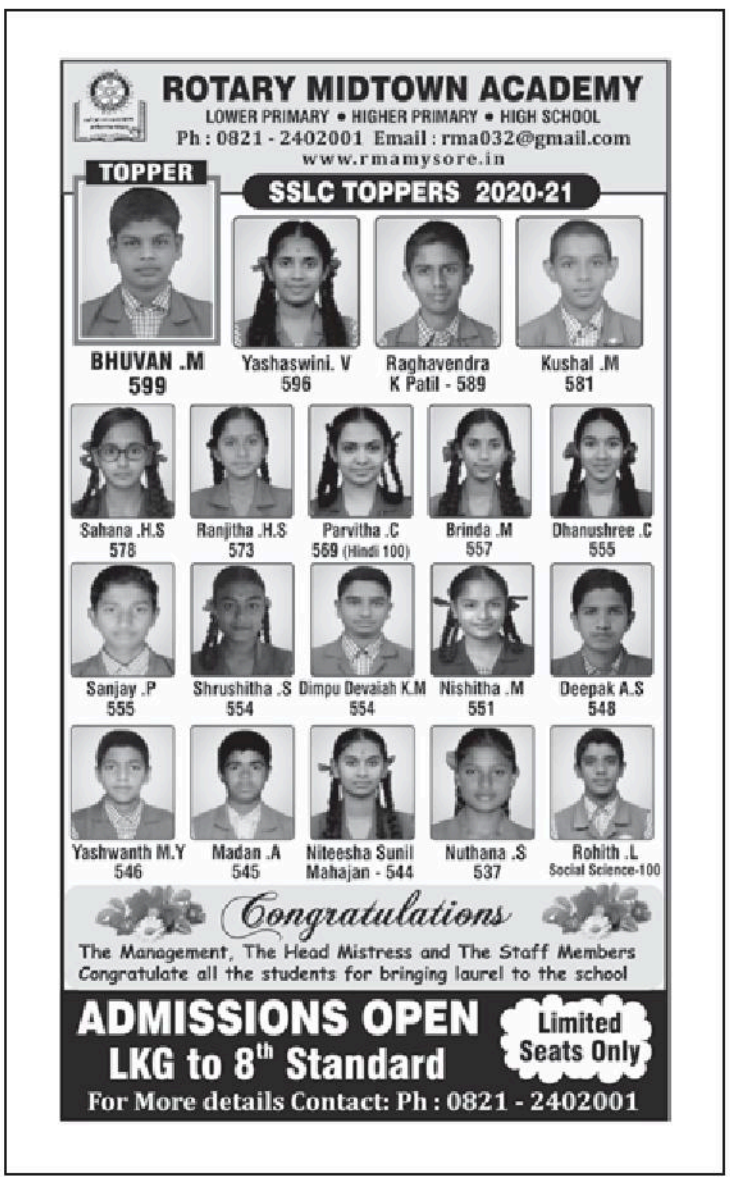
MLA launches development works

Mysuru, Aug. 12 (RKB&KS)- Chamaraja Constituency MLA L. Nagendra yesterday launched the development works of two parks at a total cost of Rs. 20 lakh from the MLA's fund at his constituency on Sunday.

The MLA launched the development works of the two parks — one in front of Mahalakshmi Sweets and the other in front of Umamaheshwari Temple — in Ward No. 2 by performing *guddali puja*.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that if more funds were needed for the development of the two parks, he would release the same from the MLA Area Development Fund and added that funds would also be released to take up necessary development works in the Ward.

Corporator Prema Shankaregowda, former Deputy Mayor Mahadevappa, BJP Chamaraja Segment President Somashekar Raju, Yuva Morcha City President Kiran Gowda, Vice-President Kumar Gowda, General Secretary Puneeth, Mahila Morcha President Tanuja, leaders Chikkavenkata, Boregowda, Jayappa, Sridhar, Kalingegowda and others were present.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